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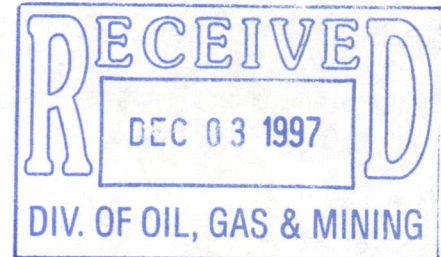
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CERTIFIED, RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

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Dear Bill and Preston,

If you want to operate the Lynn Springs quarry this coming field season (1998) you will need to get to me your proposed Plan of Operation (POO) as soon as possible. I have not seen the POO that Dick Riordan is working on for you. As I have informed you in the past, to get a POO approved is not a short or easy process. An Environmental Analysis is required for the approval, on large or controversial projects it can take more than a year. In the case of Lynn Springs if there is no controversy and with the work I have already done, I would expect the environmental process to take about six months. Again, get the POO to me before the end of January 1998 so that I will have enough time to get you approval for next seasons operations at Lynn Springs.

Late this summer I was told that you were working on getting one large bond from a bonding company to cover all or most of your operations in Utah. How is that process going?

While on the subject of bonding, the Dove Creek operation has no bond. This lack of a bond will have to be corrected this winter so that you can operated next season. The discussion I have had with Lynn Kunzler of the Utah Div. of Oil, Gas and Mining leads me to believe that the the State is going to insist on a bond for Dove Creek for any future operations of five acres or more. It is current Federal policy to require bond on active mining operations of any size. Therefore I will also be requiring a bond next year at Dove Creek.

The POO for Dove Creek is about eight years old. From some of the discussions we have had recently, I believe that the POO needs to revised. To continue to operate under the old plan is limiting your operations and may require bonding for portions of the operation that you are not be doing now or will be in the near future. Again my advice to avoid environmental processing delays with your operations is to submit a revised POO for Dove Creek as soon as you can.

Sincerely,

Gordon Struthers
Minerals Management Specialist

cc Lynn Kunzler, Utah Div. Oil, Gas and Mining

